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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR FIELD TRIP RELATED TO
----- NASA SPONSORED RESEARCH

1. SUMMARY: CENTER FOR EARTH AND PLANETARY STUDIES, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WASHINGTON, D.C., PLANS FOUR RESEARCH TRIPS DURING FALL/WINTER 1976 IN SUPPORT NASA CONTRACT 9-13831. PURPOSE TO COLLECT GROUND TRUTH INFORMATION AND CHECK FIELD LOCALITIES TO ENHANCE PHOTOGEOLOGIC INTERPRETATION OF EARTH OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTED DURING 1975 APOLLO-SOYUZ TEST PROJECT (ASTP).

2. CAROL S. BREED, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND MUSEUM OF NORTHERN ARIZONA, FLAGSTAFF, AND WILLIAM J. BREED, CURATOR OF GEOLOGY, MUSEUM OF NORTHERN ARIZONA, FLAGSTAFF, WISH TO CONDUCT FIELD SURVEY IN AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 9 - OCTOBER 2, 1976. WORK WILL BE DONE IN SOUTHERN SIMPSON DESERT ADJACENT TO BIRDSVILLE TRACK SEPTEMBER 13-18 AND NORTHERN SIMPSON DESERT ADJACENT TO NEW TRACK FROM INDIANA STATION
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SEPTEMBER 21-25. THE PROPOSED FIELD TRIP WILL TEST THE

ASSUMPTION THAT CERTAIN INTERNAL STRUCTURES ARE ASSOCIATED
WITH A PARTICULAR SURFACE FORM OF DUNES, INDEPENDENT OF

THEIR GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION. THIS ASSUMPTION NEEDS TESTING
SINCE IT IS THE BASIS FOR MUCH OF THE GLOBAL APPLICATION
OF SATELLITE OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO GEOLOGIC
STUDIES OF EOLIAN PROCESSES AND LANDFORMS.

3. EQUIPMENT TO BE IMPORTED INCLUDES:

2 BRUNTON COMPASSES
1 ABNEY HAND LEVEL
1 OPTICAL RANGE FINDER
2 CAMERAS AND EXTRA LENSES
100 SAND SAMPLE BAGS AND VIALS
1 PLANT PRESS
50 YDS. CHEESECLOTH
2 GAL. LIQUID LAYTEX

4. ROCK AND SAND SAMPLES AND PHOTOGRAPHS, AS WELL AS
IMPORTED EQUIPMENT, WILL BE EXPORTED.

5. AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATIONS TO BE CONTACTED
INCLUDE:

PROF. ROLAND TWIDALE
UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA;

DR. PAUL LAWSON
MUSEUM OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA;

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH
ORGANIZATION (CSIRO), ALICE SPRINGS;

DR. NEVILLE STEVENS
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
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DR. IAN DOUGLAS
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AUSTRALIA

6. FOR EMBASSY ACTION: PLEASE OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR RESEARCH

TRIPS, SITE SURVEYS, SAMPLE COLLECTIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SPECIFIC AREAS. ADVISE OF LOCAL INTEREST COOPERATION.

NASA REGRETS SHORT LEAD TIME. DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUM-
STANCES, ORIGINALLY REQUESTED SITE IN ARGENTINA NO LONGER
FEASIBLE. EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF THIS REQUEST WOULD BE
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